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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2287

FROM USDEL LOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS

1. ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL US AND MARITIME STATE OBJECTIVES IN CURRENT LOS CONFERENCE IS SECURING GUARANTEED RIGHT OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION. SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS AS SOUGHT BY US, USSR AND UK IS INCREASING AND NUMBER OF VOCAL OPPONENTS IS DECREASING. SPAIN, PRC AND ARAB STATES OF EGYPT, YEMEN, ARAB REPUBLIC, MOROCCO AND OMAN ARE ONLY REMAINING PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS, APPARENTLY ARAB GROUP AT CONFERENCE BADLY DIVIDED ON STRAITS ISSUE AND WE MUST HAVE SUPPORT OF ARAB BLOC.

2. LOS DEL WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT

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AT EARLIEST TIME OF REASONS FOR OPPOSITION,

MOROCCO, OMAN, AND YEMEN TO US, USSR, UK STRAITS  
OBJECTIVES AND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO OBTAIN EARLY  
SHIFT IN THEIR POSITIONS.

3. EMBASSIES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT US HAD CONVEYED  
TO EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND KUWAIT US WILLINGNESS TO  
HAVE REGIME OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT (INCLUDING SUBMERGED  
TRANSIT AND OVERFLIGHT) APPLY ONLY TO STRAITS  
CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO HIGH SEAS AND CLAUSE RESERVING  
LEGAL PORTION OF PARTIES APPLYING IN STRAITS  
CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF A  
FOREIGN STATE (SUCH AS STRAIT OF TIRAN). FORMALLY  
TABLED US ARTICLE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT REFLECT THIS  
POSITION, ALTHOUGH UK AND SOVIET ARTICLES DO APPROXIMATE  
THIS POSITION. DALE

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